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RAJIV SAGAR PROJECT
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made so far in the construction of the Rajiv Sagar Project (Bawanthadi);

(b) whether the Government is taking any action to ensure early completion of the project being implemented under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) Bawanthadi Project which is known as Rajiv Sagar Project in Madhya Pradesh is an Interstate project between the States of Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra to provide irrigation benefits to both the States. The headwork comprises of dam on Bawanthadi river. Most of the villages affected and submergence is in the State of Maharashtra. The State Government of Madhya Pradesh has reported that 95% head works and 85% canal work (in Madhya Pradesh) have been completed up to March 2007 and total expenditure incurred up to March 2007 is Rs.298.9655 crore. The ultimate irrigation potential of the project in Madhya Pradesh is 29412 ha against which, no irrigation potential is created so far.

(b) & (c) Irrigation is a state subject and planning, execution, funding as well as priority of execution is within the purview of State Governments. However, in order to expedite completion of project, the project has been included in Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme in 2003-04 and total central assistance released under AIBP to Madhya Pradesh is Rs.54.1001 crore. The project was targeted for completion by June 2008. However its completion depends on completion of resettlement and rehabilitation works to be done by State Government and additional forest land clearance by the Union Ministry of Environment & Forest to be obtained by the State Governments.